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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Serial No.:	10/697,399	)	Group Art: 1653
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Entitled:	Methods of Optimizing Antibody Variable	)	
	Region Binding Affinity	)	
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION TO CONVERT APPLICATION TO PROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

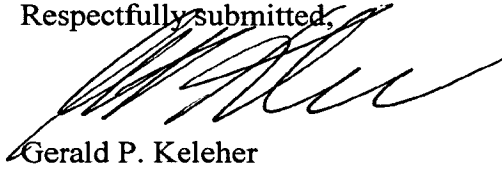
**(37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (c) (2))**

Sir:

1. In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(c) (2), applicant petitions to convert this application, filed under § 1.53 (b), to a provisional application.
2. Time of Petition 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(c) (2) (i)  
This petition is being made prior to the earlier of the abandonment of the § 1.53 (b) application, the payment of the issue fee, the expiration of 12 months after the filing date of the § 1.53 (b) application, or the filing of a request for a statutory invention registration under § 1.293.
3. Fee  
The petition fee for conversion to a provisional application is \$50.00.  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.27 (q))

Please charge the amount of \$50.00 to cover the cost of this Petition and charge any additional fees which may be required by this or any other related paper, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-0840. An original and two copies of this paper are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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